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CONCERN OVER U.S. TRADE ACT

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SUMMARY: THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT (LAP) WHICH MET HERE FEBRUARY 17-20 CENSURED CHILE'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND REQUESTED THE USG TO UNDERTAKE AN URGENT REVISION OF THE TRADE ACT. SENATOR ITALO LUDER OF ARGENTINA WAS ELECTED LAP PRESIDENT. LAP'S EIGHTH ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES IN 1976. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING THE LAP'S FINAL DAY'S SESSIONS FEBRUARY 20 THE DELEGATES DEBATED AT LENGTH TWO RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH CHILE. THE FIRST CALLED FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE RELEASE OF ALL CHILEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS IMPRISONED BY THE MILITARY REGIME. THE SECOND RESOLUTION WAS MUCH MORE RADICAL IN TONE AND CONDEMNED THE REGIME FOR ASSASSINATIONS, POLITICAL PRISONERS, TORTURE, CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THE BAN ON POLITICAL PARTIES, AND MILITARY TRIALS. ALTHOUGH THE MORE RADICAL RESOLUTION HAD BEEN APPROVED IN COMMITTEE, IT FAILED BY 7 VOTES TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN PLENARY. THEREUPON THE MORE MODERATE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED. THE ISSUE WAS DECIDED IN THE ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN DELEGATIONS WHICH DIVIDED THEIR VOTES, ARGENTINA CASTING 3 VOTES IN FAVOR OF THE RADICAL RESOLUTION WITH 9 ABSTENTIONS AND BRAZIL VOTING 8-4 IN FAVOR OF THE MODERATE RESOLUTION. DELEGATIONS VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE RADICAL RESOLUTION WERE COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, SURINAM, AND THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.

2. LAP'S RESOLUTION DEALING WITH THE U.S. TRADE ACT REAFFIRMED THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL IN JANUARY. THE LAP RESOLUTION EXPRESSED LAP'S "SERIOUS CONCERN" OVER THE "DISCRIMINATORY AND COERCIVE" FEATURES OF THE TRADE ACT. IT CALLED FOR THE ACT'S "URGENT REVISION", ESPECIALLY THOSE PARTS WHICH IMPLY OR MAKE POSSIBLE "RESTRICTIVE OR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT," IN ORDER THAT THE "NEW DIALOGUE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. THE RESOLUTION WENT ON TO PROPOSE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN AND U.S. PARLIAMENTARIANS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE AND MAKE MORE "EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE" HEMISPHERIC ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

3. ANOTHER RESOLUTION EXPRESSED LAP'S SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE HIGHER PRICES FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS AND ENDORSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS OF RAW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MATERIAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES. THE RESOLUTION PRAISED OPEC MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFEND PETROLEUM PRICES, REAFFIRMED THE POSITION OF THE PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES THAT THE PROPOSED OIL PRODUCERS/CONSUMERS CONFERENCE SHOULD DEAL WITH THE BROAD QUESTION OF RAW MATERIALS AND NOT JUST PETROLEUM, AND SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON "JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES."

4. LAP ALSO APPROVED A DRAFT TREATY FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT AND COMMISSIONED THE GOV TO CONVOKE AN EARLY MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING THE TREATY.

5. LAP ELECTED ARGENTINE SENATOR ITALO LUDER AS ITS NEW PRESIDENT AND SELECTED BUENOS AIRES AS THE SITE OF ITS EIGHTH ASSEMBLY IN MAY OR JUNE 1976. ALSO ELECTED TO LAP'S GOVERNING BODY FOR THE NEXT YEAR WERE SENATOR LUIS AGUSTIN LEON (ARGENTINA), ALTERNATE PRESIDENT; SENATOR WILSON GONCALVES (BRAZIL), FIRST VICE PRESIDENT; DEPUTY ARTURO HERNANDEZ GRISANTI (VENEZUELA), SECOND VICE PRESIDENT; DEPUTY VICENTE CANO PONCE (GUATEMALA), THIRDS VICE PRESIDENT; SENATOR RICARDO ELHAGE (NETHERLANDS ANTILLES), FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT; DEPUTY LACHMIEPERSAD MUNGAR (SURINAM), FIFTH VICE PRESIDENT; AND DEPUTY GUILLERMO VILLALOBOS ARCE (COSTA RICA), SIXTH VICE PRESIDENT. DR. ANDRES TOWNSEND (PERU) WAS RE-ELECTED LAP SECRETARY GENERAL AND, AS ASSISTANT SECRETARIES GENERAL, SENATOR ORLANDO MONTENEGRO (NICARAGUA) AND DEPUTY JOSE FRANCISCO GUERERO (EL SALVADOR).

6. COMMENT: ON BALANCE, THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF LAP ADOPTED A SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE POSTURE, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN THE FINAL WORDING OF ITS RESOLUTION ON CHILE. AS A RESULT, THE LAP MEETING WAS ROUNDLY CRITICIZED ("GASEOUS AND SANITIZED") BY CARACAS' INDEPENDENT DAILY EL NACIONAL. THE PAPER ALSO CASTIGATED NEW LAP PRESIDENT LUDER AS A "PERONISTA" WHO MADE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE BRAZILIAN MAJORITY BY ABSTAINING IN THE CRUCIAL VOTE ON THE MORE RADICAL RESOLUTION ON CHILE. "WHAT WAS AN ENERGETIC CONDEMNATION OF A DICTATORIAL REGIME," NOTED EL NACIONAL, "WAS CONVERTED INTO A REQUEST FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED PARLIAMENTARIANS." THE PAPER ALSO ATTACKED NICARAGUAN SENATOR ORLANDO MONTENEGRO FOR HIS EFFORTS, CALLING HIM THE "NUMBER ONE LAWYER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF LATIN AMERICA'S DICTATORS." IN SPITE OF THE ATTENTION GIVEN THE MEETING BY THE PRESS, THE SESSIONS PASSED OFF QUIETLY ENOUGH WITHOUT ANY "SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS" BEING MOUNTED IN THE STREETS FOR ANY PARTICULAR CAUSE. LAP'S ONE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE DRAFT TREATY DEALING WITH ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION. ALSO OF INTEREST WAS ITS CALL FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN AND U.S. PARLIAMENTARIANS (SEE SEPTTEL). EMBASSY POUCHING TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS TO DEPARTMENT. MCCLINTOCK

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